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A POPULAR DELUSION."

passed that helps to solve the problem.

It may be deplorable, but the unelbers of Cougres, collectively or individually, are not responsible for such a failure. A bill is solve the problem does not exist, either in the human mind or in the possibilities of things,—INew York Sun.

This makes the matter more deple ablestil. The fact that Congress to done nothing towards, the checkation of the labor problem, being supple mented by the further fact that it nove mentor by the intrast rate that it haves eas do anything in this behalf, why may not the Labor Committees of Sen-ste and House distant or be at least discharged from all future considera-tion of a hopelessly impracticable sub-

If the Son means by the solution of he problem a perfect adjustment of the relations between employer and em loye, or so nearly a perfect adjustment hat their relations may never become disjointed, or even uncomfortably strained, it is doubtless true that the legislation necessary to such a result is beyond the capacity or conception of Congress—therefore, that Congress is not responsible for failing to effect im-

On the other hand we are not altogether prepared to admit that a widely prevalent belief in the power of legislation to settle controversies and forestall all violent contentions relative to the hours and wages of labor, is the "popular delusion," which our New York contemporary gives us to under

We have no great faith in scheme for the arbitration of difficulties by Congressional enactment, simply because voluntary arbitration needs law, and compulsory arbitration, besides being something of a misnomer, im-plies a power which Congress may not Constitutionally possess or expediently exercise, but it will not be disputed that in the general exercise of its log islative functions for the benefit of the people at large, much can be don toward alleviating the burdens of the working classes and eradicating sources of public discontent.

There has been no tack of legislation in the interest of capital; is it not pos-sible that there should be legislation in the interest of the capitalization of labor? Is there nothing to be done for industrial calucation, for the improvement of our factory system, for the en-couragement of voluntary measure of conditation, which Congress manet directly enact? What of the reduction of taxatlor, the establishmen of postal savings Lanks, the rescue of the public domain from its wholesal plunderers, the Insteased silicioney of

of the condition of the wage worker, of the country tends to the more sails factory and harmonious relations of labor and capital; and it is not a "potion to this end the hands of Congres It still remains a "deplorable" fact that so little has been done not to change the Immutable laws of supply and domand or fundamental principles of trade—but to mitigate the evils growing out of the encroach-ments of corporate power, false systems of economy and notorious favor-

SECRETARY MANNING IS evidently of the belief that Canada belongs to the American Republic by community of interest and civilization, and sooner or later come in on manifest Congress submitting his substitute Retaliation bill he becomes quite ele quent on this subject, and says:

It is much to be regretted that media arit' laws, like that cruel legacy of which still encumbers the statute books be United States, or a mediaval non-inwhich still encumbers the statute books of the United States, or a mediaval non-inter-course policy, like that of the Dominion of course policy, like that of the Dominion of Canada, approved by the Queen in council or the threshold of her Majesty's jubilice year, should be the divided discraces of our common civilization. Both are obstacles to that en-larging free interessing among the heles, by a kindred blood of one great territage of an-cholordic, language, have und stell thereby which is leading love and promoting every-where, from century to century, the increas-ing progress of the imman tase.

Mr. Manning looks upon "the 49th Mr. Manning tooks upon the some parallel of latitude, with the geograph-ical boundary of the five great lakes and their river, marked by suspicious revenue officers and hostile Custom-Houses," as an unheattle Custom-Houses, as an un-natural lipe of separation, and he is confident that finally "these now divided peoples, discordant or divided by political lines, but kindred by every ite that ever has united men or founded States, will one day merg their insjectic empires."

Tun Baltimore American this morn ing contains a long letter from William C. Carroll, late major of the Thirteenth Illinois Cavalry, in which the writer strongly discredits the recently pul-lished statements of General Boynton concerning General Grant's Intemperate habits. It is a question of ancient his tory that is scarcely worthy of discus-There was a period in the carly part of the war when Grant drank a good deal more than was good for him but as he gradually came to realize that he was a man of some consequence, with a bigger future before him than entered into his imagination at the outset, he began to let up on his potations, and from Vicksburg to Richmond kept straight enough for all practical pur-poses, as results show. This is about

all there is of it. The American people have formed their judgment of Grant, and it will stay just where it is. The drunker he may have been when he went in, all the more credit he deserves for coming out so plorlously sober,

Wit agree with the Capital that it's shame and disgrace for the District Sommissioners to be condemned to re main in "the old intile-trap on Four and a half street," but we see no help for it. It looks now as though they would have to stay there Indefinitely simply because no agreement can be arrived at as to the site of the new

building. Private property is not available owing to irreconcilable con-flicts of interest; public property is unavailable, because people are afraid they won't have room to breathe If an vation is built on. They don't seem t care whether the Commissioners and other District officials have a chance to breathe or not. And so the matter stands. The rats, the roaches and the

bed-bugs carry the day. THE latest applicant for position as an Interstate Commerce Railroad Commissioner is M. J. Pickering, a travel-ing salesman of Philadelphia, and the chairman of the National Railroad Committee of the Travelers' Protective Association. He is backed by one of the largest and most enterprising classes of business men, and there will be a committee here during the week to urge his claims. If the President can withstand the gentle appeals of the "drummers" he will be ready to become a marble statue fifteen minute after the committee leaves him, if I

Tire "Fourth of July claims," about which we hear so much in Congress from time to time, are a mystery to most people outside of the claimants. They have no particular relation to the great anniversary with which their mention is usually coupled, excepting that they were authorized to be paid by act of Congress of July 4, 1864. They are claims for property appropriated during the war as quartermasters' stores. The bill that passed the House Saturday provides for the payment of 507 of them, to the amount of \$181,732. and some 3,500 more remain to be acted on.

Tire Mattoon (III.) Commercial facers the nomination of General John C. Black for President. It does not lesitate to pronounce him "one of the purest men in public life," and adds that "there is no one in the broad West who would so totally and absolutely overcome the so-called soldier opposition to the Democratic party." It is questionable whether the Comnissioner of Pensions has aspirations n that direction, but there is no doubt f his strength with the Western vets.

Mn. Coox. late Ambitant Secretary of he Treasury, thinks that not less than 15,000,000 trade dollars will be prosented for redemption should Congress farnish the opportunity. The specula-tors have not been idle and have bought up all of these coins they could get hold of at from 95 cents down to as ow as 70 cents. Of course there is no legislation possible by which the losers can be reimbursed.

THIRTY FOUR YESTS age yesterday Rev. Dr. Sunderland of the First Pres-byterian Church preached the first sermon of his pasterate there. Almost eighteen hundred Sundays—and the Doctor's chief regret, as he stated in his sermen yesterday, was that there were some in his congregation who were out of the fold when he first came and they are still in the same condition

Tun New York Graphic continue to urge, and with commendable per-sistency, the passage of the bill by Congress to increase the salaries of Cabinet officers and Supreme Court Justices to \$15,000. They occupy highly honorable and responsible po-sitions, and, more than that, the style they are expected to keep up costs money.

Orn esteemed Sunday contemporary, the *Heraid*, appeared yesterday in a brand-new and very handsome dress, indicating, not only the best of me-chanical taste on the part of the proprictors, but their increasing and wellmerited prosperity. The Hereld is a good paper right straight along and de-

serves well of the Washington public. CONTIDENTS that the militia force of the United States aggregates about 7,500,000 men, an appropriation of less than six cents per capita for their equipment can hardly be considered extravagant. Yet this is all the proiosed appropriation of \$100,000 Congress amounts to.

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Wife (to husband)—This house is allogether to small for our needs, John. Way look to up us an addition to fir! Hasband (thoughtfully)—I've been thinking of that.

Wife—Something in the shape of a wing. Husband—Nay something to the shape of a mortgage.—[N. Y. Sun.

NO NONSESSE ABOUT HER

I fell upon any bonded knors And asked if she would well; She was a pinn, provided asse, And this, may she said:

"Of course you think me beautiful, Although my built is red; But can you, while a well-bred het, supply me well with bread?

And dearly live to cat: To need my a pleations you. Must remish on with meat.

I listoned with astonishment. To hear her number set. To interiord her talk with things. Which into larger go.

And, modestly admitted I Had, to that hield loose, in selecting flowers of Paradise, Forgotien earthly floor,

Sin somewhat sighed, but rather bloshed. She kind as thought awhite: And their remarked that, though berniled. I must be without guille.

Then, sadir, said I was too good. Too wholly pure for her— To conquer life's victoritals. We might not quite someur.

Some sweeter, sikhter girl, she thought, To feast of love inclined. Would, with consumpt ampetite, A quick consumption that Boston Globe.

NOTES AND GOSSIP.

JAMES Bressell Lowers, has accepted an invitation to disc with the Harvard Club at Philadelphia February 19.

John L. Schlivan says he has need one of Howells' novels. When he fully recovered his strength he should put bimself in training and try one.—[Chicago Herald,

of Act and Letters, will be edited by Mrs. Mary Ashley Townsend, known among the poets of the South as "Xarifa."

MES. FRANCES HOMESON BURNETT give he following directions for writing a novel You must have a pen, ick and paper, in first with leales, the second with in ation, and the third with generosity."

AT SAN PRANCISCO some one saked Patti it really was her farewell visit to the Pacific Coast. "That is what the adver-discinents say," she replied. "and that is what I say now. But who can tell?" MR. JAMES REPPATH, the active editor of

he North American Review, has been so totally III at his residence in New York for the last three weeks, and if he gets well will have to take a long vacation from business. EX-GOVERNOR BATE, who is to represent Tennessee in the Senate, was at Buil Run was dangerously wounded at Shiloh, hall three horses killed under him at Chicka-munga, and was again wounded, and is now a poor man.

Just before Wm. It Travers, whose death reported oigh at hand, left for Bermud he said to a friend who was endeavoring to cheer him up: "Now, don't do that. I have been burning the candle at both ends for a good many sears and I've got d-d-derillah near the middle."

The middle."

It was reported in Brooklyn the other day that Dr. Talmings had accepted a call to the Plymouth Congregational Church in Chicago, but the Tabernacle pastor promptly dreind the story as having no frandation. He is in good health and has notice of leaving this present congregation.

Ex-Ministra Edward Prenderson has returned to London feeds Paris. He went to the French capital to draw up the marriage settlement between Mrs. Frederick Stevers and the Marquis de Talleyrand, and succeeded in arranging matters so that the hidy rotates entire control of her large property.

THE March number of Linguiscott will contain some "Autoblographical Notes of a Congressional Chaplain," by Rev. W. H. Milburn, Chaplain of the House, and an article on "General John A. Logan," written article on "General John A. Logan, ander the personal supervision of Mrs. Logan, and with the advice and assistance of Generals Sherman, Fremont, Clark and others of Logan's comrades in arms.

GENERAL AND CRITICULAR.

BUTH JIM BECK AND SAVESULEY.

Burnt JIM Beck's swarthy cheek like fire,
And shook his very frame for ire;
And—"This to me," his shout—
"An 'weep not for thy shaven beard
such hand as Jim Beck's had not spared
To kneck the saulstury out.
And first I tell thee, haughty peer,
He who dees old Kentnely hore,
Although the meanest in that State.
May well, prouf Peachibos, be thy mater
And, Ell, more I tell those here,
E en in thy pitch of pride,
Here at thy deek, thy railroads near,
(Ney, never look upon your fist
To see if there's a broken wrist)— BECK AND SAULSBURY,

Noy, never look upon your list
To see if there's a broken wrist)—
I tell thee thou'rt defied!
And if thou said'st I am not peer
To any lord in Senate here. To any lord in Senate here.
Old one or young one, far or near.
Lord Peachllow, thou hast field"
On Ell's check the flush of rage
O'ercame the ashen hue of age.
Fierce he broke forth: "And dar'st thou.

To beard the Hon in his den.
A Saulsbury in this hall?
And hopest thou hence unseathed to go

At this point the poetle reporter, who a man of perce, withdrew in order not to get his only suit of clothes splashed with blood and ruined with gore.

Editor McClure of the Philadelphi Mr. Turple, the new Senator from Ind ns, was torn in Oldo. His election, how ver, is not in the nature of a resurrection

"Don't be a fool," she said, with a snap to her husband.

"Why didn't you tell me that when select you to marry me," he replied, and effence felt upon that house.

Mme. Patti funcios "that the use of water upon the face and neck produces winkles which probably accounts for the smoot check of the average aparch'st.

Amid all the mutations of time it has never yet been discovered why a lawyer calls my legal document a brief.—[Phila-delphia Call. It hasn't, ch? And you say that in the face of the well-known veracity of

"Let the Pyramids crumble to dust. Let the Collseum melt away. Yea, let the mountains sink into the eea, but let the Arch of Titus stand," said Rev. Dr. New man in his lecture on Home last night, we say so too. It cost money to put that arch, and if anybody attempts to it down, shoot him on the spot.

ciety, which was conducted last week on the go-operative plan, will now resum te normal condition.

Major Stofah lives on I street, betwee Ninth and Tenth, where society is ver-quiet in its action. The other afternoon h ne home, and in front of a house near hi came home, and in front of a house near his abilding place he was surprised at seeing a large number of carriages. "Hello," he said to one of the drivers, "anybody dead."
"Not dat I knows of, boss."

"Well, whose funeral is this?"
"Tain't no fun'ral, bors. Hit's one of dem aftahnoon tea drinkin's wot de s'eisty

isdies gits up."

The Major whistled a long, low, lazy, heavy, swell whistle and went on into his

Value of Street Dirt.

Value of Street Dirt.

"You will never have clean streets America," said an Hailan gentleman to reporter of the Philadelphia Cull, "as tor as you harow away the dirt. In Italy ut cleaning of the streets is soid to the highe hidder at public anction, and the man wigets the contract fairly scrapes the street occulest all the dirt he can. It is the talen to a factory, where it is pressed to tickes, which are then soid for fartillain purposes. You Americans do not seem show that your street dirt is valuable, thick if you would advertise you would not seem to be a supported to the seem of the property of the content of

The "Roman" Baths.

A lady who is much addicted to all cort and conditions of baths, had her wandering and conditions of balls, but her wandering gaze attracted the other day by a gorgeous sign on which "Roman Bath." in large let-ters three some other explanatory lines in smaller type quiled to the shade. Entering she inquired what were the hours for la-dies. An individual of a suspiciously "portflye man" get-up, looked at her first amazed, then with sinusement, and replied. "Don't may ladies come here, saw those "Don't many ladies come here, savu'those like Miss Woodford and Lizzto Dwyer. These here baths is for horses, ma'am."— [New York Graphic. SPECIAL HOTICES.

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